

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14.

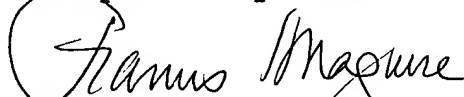
Please add new claim 15 as follows:

21.126 <sup>10</sup> 15. A method for transmitting digital data in an additional channel of a cable television system applying time division multiple access in which slots of a defined slot length are assigned for terminal equipment in order to distribute the use of data transmission capacity to the equipment, and the use of slots in the cable TV system are controlled by use indications transmitted downstream, characterized in that the slots are further divided into mini slots, the use of which is controlled by the indications transmitted downstream, wherein the length of three mini slots plus a guard byte is the same as the defined slot length.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted for the purpose of cancelling claims allowed in a parent application. Consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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